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looked back at dozens and dozens of decisions we made as a Legislature for things that we thought were important and critical at the time, and we just can't afford to do it anymore. It's very, very hard. It's hard on the people who work there. It's hard on everyone. But I don't think those kinds of decisions should necessarily be set aside because some other group has an earmark. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Chambers, on your amendment to the first component of the divided committee amendments. This will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was down in my office this morning, bothering nobody, doing other work, but listening to what was going on up on the floor, and everybody was so enamored of Senator Brashear's bill that I didn't hear any discussion going on of the nuts and bolts of the problems that were confronted. So rather than let everything be shunted to Select File, I felt, and feel now, it's necessary to get some things out there so that people will be aware of what we're going to be contending with. And I at least want to serve notice of what's on my mind so, as I start coming through the appropriations bill, and Senator Brashear's bill if it moves to Select File, nobody will feel blindsided. I'm not down here to go along and just be happy and make everybody feel good when I know that there are painful times in store, and there's no way to deal with them other than to directly confront them, pass through them, come out on the other side, and hope that we've done something that's beneficial to the state. I'm looking at the state right now. But I'm also looking at things that are not being taken off the table. And there are some that I want to take off the table--the advocacy agencies. If they try to gut them, or hurt them, then we're coming back for a special session or you're going to get 33 votes to shut me up. I don't care what kind of budget you get. I don't care what kind of bill Senator Brashear or anybody else gets. If you all are going to turn your back on the groups of people that I see a need to be protected, then I'm going to bring you back down here with me for a special session. And you might have to get 33 votes then also. I just want